

Nevada Seed Council  
Research and Promotion Board  
January 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Walter Brinkerhoff called the meeting to order at approximately 2:07 pm at 810 6<sup>th</sup> St. Lovelock, NV and 85 Fair Grounds Rd. Winnemucca, NV via conference call connection.

The following individuals were in attendance: Walter Brinkerhoff, Jose Arias, Mike Phillips, Mike Gibson, Shouhua Wang, Russ Wilhelm with Dan Hetrick and John Hafen in Winnemucca via web broadcast.

As the first order of business, Jose Arias made a motion to nominate Russ Wilhelm as the executive secretary of the board. The motion passed unanimously.

The discussion began with the topic of NAFA dues; it was determined that Shouhua is authorized to pay the fees associated with NAFA memberships.

Discussion on NAFA continued and it was determined that last year the board donated \$20,000.00 to the Association. This year it was decided upon that the board will lessen its donation total to \$5,000.00.

Next topic of discussion was the annual NAFA conference held in Washington D.C. on February 24-26, 2015. The board feels as if it would be good to have representation from Nevada at the conference.

A motion was made to send a total of two individuals to Washington D.C. for the NAFA conference, under the understanding the NAFA will support and pay for one traveler. The motion passed unanimously.

Next order of business was the research proposal created by Dr. Doug Walsh, entitled "Implementing Lygus Management Strategies in Alfalfa Seed Production." The board agreed that supporting this research initiative would be a healthy way to spend money from the research and promotion fund.

A motion was made to donate \$5,000.00 to Dr. Walsh's research project. A caveat was interjected that a portion of that funding should go towards supporting the research assistant. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.